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AMENDMENT A

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 11/03/2005, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper. Clean versions of replacement sheets for the drawings are attached in an appendix following the last page of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.